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State of Transportation Address Set for Feb. 7

MoDOT Director Pete Rahn will deliver the third annual State of Transportation Address to a joint session of the Missouri General Assembly at 10 a.m. on Feb. 7. The speech provides MoDOT with an opportunity to update Missourians about the good things the department is accomplishing and the measures we are taking to be accountable to taxpayers. Employees and the public can view the address at www.modot.org shortly after it is delivered.

Seminar Aims To Prevent Antitrust Practices

Nearly 200 MoDOT and Federal Highway Administration workers gathered recently in Columbia for a first-of-its kind seminar on detecting and preventing antitrust practices among Missouri road contractors. Nationwide, the road building industry has the highest number of defendants in antitrust cases – more than the next six largest types of antitrust cases combined. [Antitrust Seminar](#)

Economic Impact Analysis

MoDOT and the Department of Economic Development have released two studies showing the economic impact of a proposed Mississippi River Bridge and the state's five-year construction program. For every dollar invested in a new river bridge, \$16 would be returned to the economy. The construction program is estimated to return \$5 to the economy for every dollar invested in it. The studies are the result of a partnership between the two agencies to determine the impact highway projects have on the state's economy, revenue and demographics. The information will be used to determine how transportation projects affect local areas and citizens. [Two Reports](#)

SAFER ROADS



Motorist Sings Praises of Guard Cable

For Kristina Nickelson, guard cable meant the difference between safety and tragedy during an accident earlier this winter. Nickelson was traveling at around 35 mph when her Jeep slid off the road and into the guard cable lining the median. The safety cable prevented Nickelson from crossing into oncoming traffic. According to the Missouri Highway Patrol, 14 people died and 109 were injured in crossover accidents on Interstate 70 in 2004. In 2002, before MoDOT began focusing on closing guard cable gaps along Interstate 70, there were 25 fatalities and 200 people injured. [Guard Cable](#)

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Senate Bill Proposes Partnership to Build Bridge

If passed, a proposed Senate bill would allow the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to enter into a public-private partnership to build a new Mississippi River bridge in downtown St. Louis. The bill would allow private entities to finance and build the \$910 million bridge, as well as maintain and operate it. Tolls would be used to recoup the private investment. The Regional Business Council recently issued a study on the viability of building a new St. Louis bridge using toll financing. [New Bridge Study](#)



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Thousands of metro motorists use Intelligent Transportation Systems daily to make their commutes smoother? Why are these systems needed and how do they work? Missouri has three major ITS programs: Kansas City Scout, the Gateway Guide, and Ozarks Traffic. [ITS](#)

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